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SUBJECT: MOSCOW SELECTIVELY REVIEWS OAU SUMMIT

SUMMARY: THE SOVIET PRESS HAS GIVEN HIGH MARKS TO THE

OAU SUMMIT, POINTING IN PARTICULAR TO RESOLUTIONS ON

RHODESIA AND MOZAMBIQUE AS EVIDENCE OF THE "ANTI-

IMPERIALIST" TENOR OF THE MEETING. A FEW DARK SHADOWS

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(SUCH AS NIMEIRI'S ANTI-SOVIET STATEMENTS) ARE ALLOWED  
TO INTRUDE INTO THIS PICTURE, BUT OVERALL ASSESSMENT IS  
THAT PROGRESSIVE MEASURES WERE ADOPTED AND WESTERN  
MANEUVERS WERE "UNMASKED." END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIET PRESS HAS GIVEN OAU SUMMIT BROAD COVERAGE,  
PARTICULARLY IN COMMENTARIES IN JULY 7 IZVESTIYA

(BY KUDRIAVTSEV) AND JULY 8 PRAVDA. THE MESSAGE CONVEYED IS THAT THE SUMMIT WAS A VICTORY FOR THE FORCES OPPOSING RACISM AND IMPERIALISM IN FRICA. THUS, RESOLUTIONS ON RHODESIA AND SUPPORT FOR MOZAMBIQUE ARE REPRESENTED AS A "REBUFF" TO ANGLO-U.S. EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND TO THOSE AFRICANS WHO HAVE GONE ALONG WITH THESE EFFORTS. THE MEETING IS SAID TO HAVE UNMASKED THE MANEUVERS OF THE IMPERIALISTS AND TO HAVE MARKED (IN THE HEADLINE IN IZVESTIYA OF JULY 5) "A SEVERE CENSURE OF THE WEST."

2. DIFFERENCES AMONG THE AFRICAN STATES AT THE MEETING ARE BLAMED BY THE SOVIETS ON THE IMPERIALISTS AND "PRO-COLONIALIST ELEMENTS" IN AFRICA. THE ONLY DIRECT AFRICAN TARGET OF SOVIET ATTACKS IS SUDAN'S NIMEIRI, WHO WAS HEARD "WITH DISAPPROVAL" BY HIS COLLEAGUES, ACCORDING TO AN EARLIER TASS PIECE IN IZVESTIYA JULY 5. NIMEIRI AND THE UNNAMED OTHERS WHO TOOK ANTI-SOVIET POSITIONS WERE CHARGED IN IZVESTIYA ON JULY 7 WITH ATTEMPTING TO DEPRIVE AFRICA OF ITS "NATURAL ALLY AND FRIEND."

3. COMMENT: MOSCOW HAS PUT THE BEST FACE ON THE OAU SUMMIT, CAREFULLY CHOOSING ITS POINTS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ANTI-IMPERIALIST RHETORIC CARRIED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE DAY AT LIBREVILLE. EVEN SO THE CAREFUL SOVIET READER WILL REALIZE THAT ALL DID NOT GO AS MOSCOW WOULD HAVE LIKED AND PERHAPS EVEN THAT THE ISSUES AND POSITIONS AT THE CONFERENCE WERE MORE NUANCED THAN SOVIET PROPAGANDISTS CAN ADMIT.  
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